

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments. Claims 1-17 were pending. Claims 3 and 4 are withdrawn. Claims 1, 2, 6, and 8 have been amended, claim 13 cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claim 18 has been added. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 5-12, and 14-18 are pending.

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 20, 2005. According to the Notice, claim 18 was stated as "New" but that there were markings indicating deletions. Claim 18 has now been corrected.

### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing remarks it is believed that the claim is in condition for allowance. However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700 so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

### **CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

**ADDITIONAL FEES**

Please charge any further insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess to Deposit

Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,

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